



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : Confirmation No. 3623  
Yoshiaki TOMOTAKE et al. : Docket No. 2000-1428A  
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INK JET RECORDING PAPER :

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RESPONSE

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED  
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated January 18, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

*Please cancel claims 1 to 4 without prejudice to the subject matter thereof and add the following claims in their place:*

5. (New) An ink jet recording paper comprising from 10 to 100 % by weight of mercerized pulp based on an entire fiber material.
6. (New) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 5 wherein said paper has a liquid transfer length in Bristow's method according to J. Tappi No. 51-87 of 100 mm or less, when distilled water has been set at 50  $\mu$ L in a head box of 1 mm slit width and 15 mm slit length and the moving speed of a test specimen has been set to 5.0 mm/sec.
7. (New) The ink jet recording paper according to claim 6 wherein said paper has no coating applied for improving an ink absorption.